

What is claimed is:

1. A collapsible signaling device, comprising:
 - a pocket member comprising a pair of overlying panels of flexible material, each having an outer periphery;
 - 5 a plurality of spacers at a plurality of points about the outer periphery of said panels;
 - fasteners at said plurality of points joining said panels;
 - an internal structure comprising an elongated mast having an upper portion;
 - 10 a slider member slidably movable with respect to said mast;
 - a pair of struts of spring material having first ends attached to the upper portion of said mast and second ends attached to said slider member;
 - said pocket member covering at least a portion of said struts; and
 - said struts, said mast and said slider member cooperating to cause said
 - 15 struts to bow out and contact at least some of said spacers when said slider member is at a first position relative to said mast and to cause said struts to generally lie along said mast when said slider member is at a second position relative to said mast.
2. The device of claim 1 wherein said slider member comprises a collar slidably mounted about said mast.
- 20 3. The device of claim 1 wherein said mast is hollow and said slider member comprises a tube telescopically movable within said mast.
4. The device of claim 1 wherein said struts comprise elongated flat bars of spring material.

5. The device of claim 1 wherein said panels have a generally octagonal shape and said points are located at corners of said octagonal shape.

6. The device of claim 1 further comprising a lock member releasably locking said mast and said slider member.

5 7. The device of claim 1 wherein the first and the second ends of said struts are pivotally mounted to said mast and to said slider member, respectively.

8. The device of claim 1 wherein said panels are made of flexible reflective sign material.

9. The device of claim 1 wherein, with said slider at the second position
10 relative to said mast, said panels are wrapped about said struts and said mast.

10. A collapsible signaling device, comprising:

a pocket member comprising a pair of overlying panels of flexible material, each having an outer periphery;

a plurality of spacers at a plurality of points about the outer periphery
15 of said panels;

fasteners at said plurality of points joining said panels;

an internal structure comprising an elongated mast having an upper
portion;

a collar slidably movable along said mast;

20 a pair of struts of spring material having first ends attached to the upper portion of said mast and second ends attached to said collar;

said pocket member covering at least a portion of said struts; and

said struts, said mast and said tube cooperating to cause said struts to bow out and contact at least some of said spacers when said collar is at a first position

relative to said mast and to cause said struts to generally lie along said mast when said collar is at a second position relative to said mast.

11. A display device, comprising:

- 5 a pair of overlying flexible panels having marginal edges joined together to form a pouch defining an interior cavity with an opening communicating with the interior cavity, with at least one of said panels displaying a message;
- an internal frame at least partly inserted through said opening so as to lie within said interior cavity;
- said internal frame including a mast and a pair of generally coextensive
- 10 double ended resilient ribs having first ends pivotally joined to said mast;
- a slider member slidably engaging said mast, with second ends of said ribs pivotally joined to said slider member; and
- said ribs, said mast and said slider member cooperating so that with said slider member advanced toward the free end of said mast, said ribs are
- 15 compressed to take on a generally arcuate shape within said pouch.

12. The display device of claim 11 wherein the mast comprises a hollow cylindrical tube and said ribs are joined to diametrically opposed portions of said tube.

13. The display device of claim 11 wherein the ribs have a generally part circular shape when compressed within said pouch.

20 14. The display device of claim 11 wherein both panels display a message.

15. The display device of claim 14 wherein the messages on said panels are different.

16. The display device of claim 11 further comprising a plurality of spacers used to join the marginal edges of said flexible panels together.

17. The display device of claim 11 wherein the spacers are hollow and said display device further includes a plurality of fastener members within said spacers, joining portions of said panels together.

5 18. The display device of claim 11 wherein the spacers comprise hollow sleeves with rollers rotatably mounted about said sleeves.

19. The display device of claim 11 wherein the fasteners comprise rivets.

20. The display device of claim 11 wherein the ribs contact at least some of said spacers when said ribs are compressed to take on a generally arcuate shape within said pouch.

10 21. The display device of claim 11 wherein the slider comprises a collar slidable along said mast.

22. The display device of claim 11 wherein the slider comprises a tube telescopically movable with respect to said mast.

15 23. The display device of claim 11 wherein the mast is hollow and said slider is tube telescopically movable within said mast.

24. The display device of claim 11 wherein said panels are light reflecting fabric.

25. The display device of claim 11 further comprising a fastener member joining portions of said message panels to said mast, adjacent the mast free end.

20 26. The display device of claim 11 wherein the mast comprises a hollow aluminum tube.

27. The display device of claim 11 wherein the ribs comprise spring steel bands.